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Submission: This rate rise is unacceptable. My husband is a TPI Veteran and I am his Carer. We both receive a pension. We already pay \$50/tn on our rates as it. We cannot afford such an excessive rate rise.

We juggle our already very strict fortnightly budget with a standard rise each year. We as Pensioners need to live within our means and budget. I suggest Port Stephens City Council do the same.

There is no real benefit for us here in Lemon Tree Passage. All the planned works seem to be on the other side of the bay.